



Inclement Weather Policy - 2021

Moana Kindergarten will promote a safe environment for children, staff and parents.

Rationale

At Moana Kindergarten inclement weather is likely to be extreme heat, storm, or wind.

Implementation

The following guidelines are in place:

- Site leader or nominated supervisor for the site is to monitor daily weather forecasts (eg Bureau of Meteorology) and identify any potential inclement weather risks.

Heat

- Hats will be worn outside between 1st August and 30th April as per site's Sun Smart Policy and Procedure.
- Sunscreen is applied in the middle of the day 1st August to 30th April as per the site's Sun Smart Policy and Procedure.
- Drinking water will be provided and staff will endeavour to ensure all children have water in their drinking bottles.
- Staff will promote and encourage the drinking of water, especially on hot days.
- Outdoor activities will be restricted to shaded areas and physical exertion and rigorous exercise will be restricted.
- Cooling water play activities will be provided.
- Cool restful periods will be scheduled and promoted throughout the day.
- Bushfire action plan will be in place and actioned if required.

Wind, Storm or Hail

- At times of extreme wind children will be restricted to engaging in activities in the enclosed veranda or inside the main building.
- During storms (including dust or electrical) or hail children will be restricted to using the area in the enclosed veranda (if appropriate) and inside the main building.
- The doors to the outdoor learning environment will be closed if required due to a threat to children's safety.

Rain and cold weather

- Protective clothing, such as raincoats and rubber boots are to be worn when it is raining.

- Families will be encouraged to provide weather appropriate clothing for children so that they can access the outdoor play space year round (weather permitting).
- Families are encouraged to pack change of clothes.

During and following a period of inclement weather the nominated supervisor is it;

- Consider the health and safety risks to employees, children/young people before allowing them to undertake outdoor activities.
- Look out for tree debris such as leaves, nuts and branches that might pose a slip or trip hazard; damaged tree limbs and branches that may fall; and wet floors, equipment and stairs.
- Monitor severe weather danger warnings.

Endorsed by Debora Birbeck, and moved by Caitlyn Anderson, signed by Chairperson

Chairperson: KheShan Gronow

Director: Carly Smith/Sophie Northcott

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If you require further information regarding any of our policies, go to www.decd.sa.gov.au in accordance with Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety

To safeguard and promote children's health and safety, minimise risks and protect children from harm, injury and infection. All children have the right to experience quality education and care in an environment that provides for their physical and psychological wellbeing and provides support for each child's growing competence, confidence and independence.

Element 2.1.1 Each child's health needs are supported.

Element 2.3.2 Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury. www.acecqa.gov.au

Related Documents

Moana Sun Smart policy and Procedure

Inclement Weather and Sun Protection Procedure, Department for Education, October 2017

<https://edi.sa.edu.au/hr/for-managers/health-and-safety/creating-a-safe-workplace/inclement-weather-and-sun-protection#title0>